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EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

The Coolie Trade in the South.

When the United States abolished slavery, they did not intend that it should be reestablished, yet the Coolie labor system which it is proposed to introduce in the South is nothing but slavery in one of its most dangerous forms.

It is not to Chinese immigration that we object, but to a system which, if carried on by private contract, will certainly be a gigantic swindle and a national disgrace.

Opposition to the Congressional Policy. Southern politicians who oppose the conditions of reconstruction offered by Congress exhibit less than their usual sagacity.

It is the fashion with this element of Southern political life to attribute to the great body of the people a stolid indifference to the progress of the work which Congress has inaugurated.

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General Thomas is Military Commandant of the district which includes Tennessee. He is capable, firm, wise, loyal, and large-souled. We wish he were under orders to keep the peace in that State by arresting all lawless disturbers at whatever cost.

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By the Western scalp-hunters, between the Indian tribes proper, and the bands of thieves and murderers attached to them. While it was right to hold the tribes responsible, in a certain sense, for the misdeeds of any of their members, it was grossly impolitic to wreak the same vengeance for a murder or robbery upon the whole or any portion of a tribe as should have been meted out to the offending parties alone.

This kind of policy must be abandoned, and a more deliberate and careful policy substituted, even if the newly appointed Commissioners succeed in their attempt.

Finally, if peace with the Indians is brought about in any way, it is to be hoped that—without interfering with the rights of territory granted the red men, or officiously intermeddling in their affairs—the officers and employes of the Government, whom it is stipulated shall have access to them, may be instructed to make every effort to excite and gratify a curiosity in their minds to learn something of civilized life.

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